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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8332

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

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PARIS PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJ: COMMONS DISCUSSION OF US-CANADIAN RELATIONS

1. THE SECOND COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING
AMBASSADOR PORTER'S COMMENTS TO PRESS PRODUCED
CONSIDERABLY LESS DISCUSSION OF US-CANADIAN RELATIONS.
OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD ASKED TRUDEAU IF LARGE CANADIAN
TRADE DEFICIT IN AUTO PARTS WITH U.S. WAS AMONG "IRRITANTS"
MENTIONED BY PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY. TRUDEAU REPLIED
THAT ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN RAISED IN HIS OWN DISCUSSIONS
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING LATTER'S OTTAWA VISIT,
BUT THAT HE WOULD ASK MINISTERS IF MATTER CAME UP ON OTHER
LEVELS. STANFIELD THEN ASKED PRIME MINISTER IF HE
WOULD ASK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO MAKE
FULL STATEMENT AS TO IRRITANTS THAT ARE UNDER ACTIVE
DISCUSSION BETWEEN US AND CANADA. TRUDEAU THANKED
STANFIELD FOR SUGGESTION AND EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT
MEAN TO BE IRONIC.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION FROM OPPOSITION MP DAVID
MACDONALD AS TO WHAT STEPS PRIMIN IS TAKING TO
RECONCILE AMBASSADOR PORTER'S STATEMENTS WITH THE
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VIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AS PRESENTED TO HIM

OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS BY PRESIDENT FORD AND
SECRETARY KISSINER, TRUDEAU REPLIED THAT SINCE
YESTERDAY HIS OFFICE HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE WHITE
HOUSE AND EXTAFF MIN HAD SPOKEN WITH SECRETARY KISSINER
IN PARIS, AND THAT "THE FACTS ARE AS I STATED THEM IN
THE HOUSE YESTERDAY THAT AMBASSADOR WAS NOT
CONVEYING A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION."
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